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1. Use dom

Until 1945 the island of Usedom was connected to the mainland by three bridges: a railway bridge at Karnin, a road bridge at Zecherin on the Anklam - Swinemünde road, and the large Peene road bridge on the west of the island. All these bridges were blown in 1945 and traffic to and from the island had to use two ferries at Zecherin and Wolgast thereafter. The Peene bridge has, however, now been repaired and was put into operation at the end of March 1950, the old foundations being in part used for the new bridge. This bridge now connects the island for road traffic with Reichstrasse 111. Railway traffic still has to use the ferry which runs between Wolgast and the opposite shore up to which the Zinnowitz-Swinemünde line has been brought. (See attached sketch A.)

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- ## 2. Rügen Island

- a. The majority of troops on Ruegen island, among which naval personnel predominate, are stationed in Bergen and Sassnitz and on the KdF bathing beach. Two or three companies of Volkspolizei are stationed in Sellin and Gochren. The so-called "Baulcitung Bergen" is located in the last three houses south of Bergen on the road to Sellin. This unit, which is Russian, is responsible for procurement of building materials and directs the operations of the various building concerns which are carrying out work on the island. There is a large dump of building materials, including cement, wood, iron, and machinery etc. at Lubkow. About one kilometer north of Lubkow, to the east of the road leading to Dubnitz, is a large building site in and on the edge of the woods. This site is closed to civilians.
- b. On the coast of Ruegen Island, about 2 kms south of Dubnitz and 5-6 kms southwest of Sassnitz, is a large marine building site consisting of two moles (Daemne) made of sheet-piling filled with stones which project into the sea. Two floating dredges are at work in front of the moles and two other tracked excavators on land. The earth dug up is transported by rail and dumped about 1500 meters inland. The railway line used for this purpose, which was built originally to serve the KdF bathing place, is single-tracked standard gauge and runs off the main line from Lietzow. (See attached sketch B.)

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- c. Other building sites on Ruegen Island are: one west of Arkona and one each side of Lohme. Evacuation of the civilian population has not begun so far as is known. There is regular naval traffic in Sassnitz harbor, including small naval craft and submarines. No details are available.

3. Poel

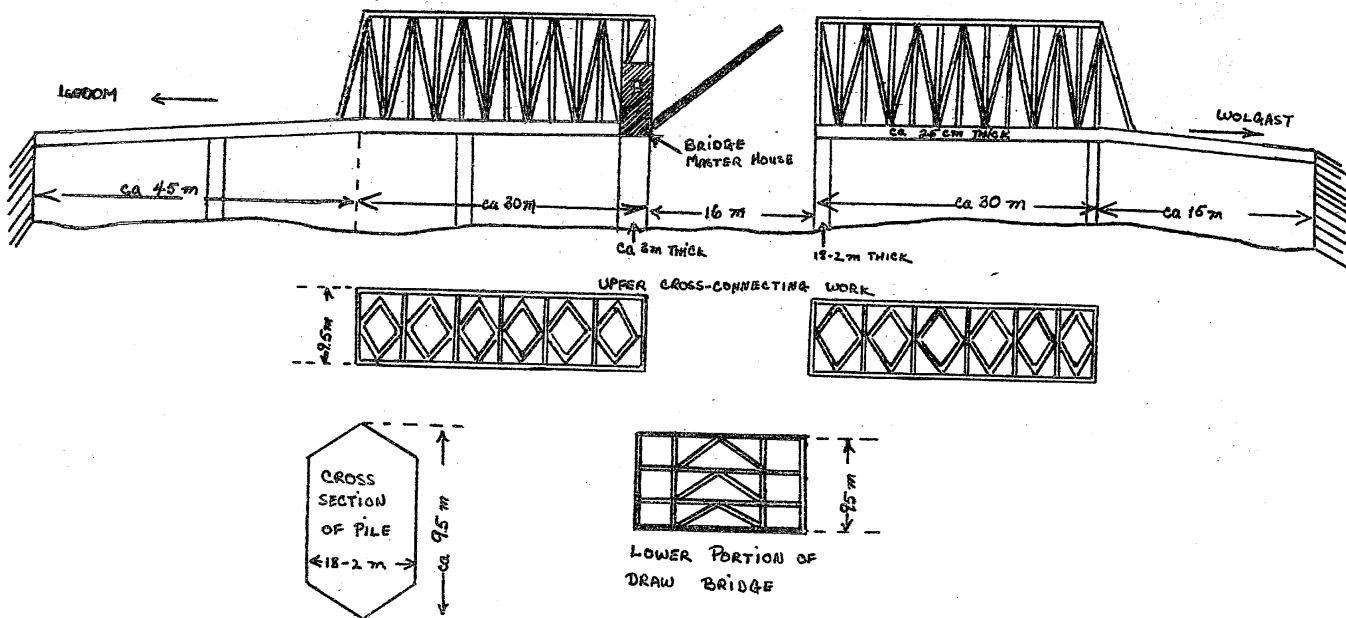
The firm of Krueger of Wismar is engaged in concrete construction work on the island of Poel. A dump of building materials, including cement, iron, concrete mixers etc., is located at Kattenhof. Four concrete "bunkers", 15 x 15 meters in size, are situated in the dunes around Kattenhof, at 300 meter intervals. At the beginning of May the Krueger firm was carrying out trial borings in an area about one kilometer south of Timmendorf to test the ground and the water level. A Soviet building office is located in Kirchdorf.

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a large marine building site consisting of two moles, etc., is located about two kilometers south of Dubnitz and five to six kilometers southwest of Sassnitz. A 1/100,000 map of Ruegen (CB 1818) published October 1940 shows the station for the cable to Trelleborg, Sweden to have been located near this spot. The reported construction may have something to do with the cable station.

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